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BROOKS ANNOUNCES EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

County Executive Maggie Brooks announced today that free tax preparation services will be available for Department of Human & Health Services (DHHS) clients making the transition from public assistance to the workforce. This free service is being offered to help individuals take advantage of Federal and State Earned Income Tax Credits.

The goal of the effort is to increase the numbers of low-income families receiving the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). The Earned Income Tax Credit is offered by the state and federal government to working people who earn low to moderate incomes. This reduces the tax burden on these workers and supplements wages. For those making the transition from welfare to work this can be a valuable benefit, possibly as much as \$3,247 for a family with one child, \$5,360 for families with two or more children, and even \$487 for those with no children.

This free assistance is offered through a program called VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance). HHS clients can make an appointment for tax preparation assistance by calling 242-6582. Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins are also welcome. Preparation assistance will be provided at the DHHS office at 111 Westfall Road, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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